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Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for week ended May 9, 1903.

The following is received from Surgeon Glennan, at San Francisco, under date of May 11, being record of work in Chinatown for week ended May 9, 1903:

Number of buildings reinspected	229
Rooms reinspected	1,625
Persons inspected	1,606
Sick inspected	47
Number of sick seen and prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary	7
Number of dead examined	6
Number of necropsies	0
Number of rats examined bacteriologically	78
Number of places limed and disinfected	547
Number of times streets swept and sprinkled with bichloride solution	3
Number of sewers flushed	7
Number of notices served to abate plumbing nuisances	32
Number of plumbing nuisances undergoing abatement	—

Cerebro-spinal meningitis at League Island Navy-Yard.

[Telegram.]

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *May 11, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Three deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis and five other cases at League Island Navy-Yard.

IRWIN.

Pneumonia in Chicago.

Surgeon Banks reports, May 7, as follows:

I have the honor to report the prevalence of pneumonia in this city, almost reaching epidemic proportions. In the past two months, with a total of 5,341 deaths from all causes, 1,186 have been due to this disease, a ratio of 22 per cent, double that of the next highest in the table, tuberculosis.

The health commissioner of the city rightly sounds a warning against this new captain of the men of death in the increased mortality and morbidity over previous years. The disease is of an atypical character, the patient showing physical prostration out of all proportion to the physical signs. The cases coming under my notice have all been marked by an insidious onset, slight expectoration, low febrile action, rapid pulse, and continuous mental and nervous disturbances.

A mild diarrhea is noted in all cases at first. Not one patient required oxygen, and yet all have succumbed to a condition of undoubted toxæmia. Conference with local practitioners confirms

our experience. One large consultant related four consecutive deaths in a family in his practice, and six more among friends gathered at a funeral of a victim. Necropsies reveal a unilobar or circumscribed lobular pneumonia, in no way sufficient to account for the fatal result. Concurrent pleurisy, with adhesions and a purulent exudate, is usually found, and in two cases abscess of the lung developed. All forms of stimulation are inadequate to relieve the profound toxic impression.

Measures for checking smallpox in northern Maine (Canadian border)—Operations at Sandy Bay, Camp Glazier, and Lowelltown.

Surgeon Kalloch reports, May 7, as follows:

Acting Assistant Surgeon Estes Nichols reports a case of smallpox at his station, Sandy Bay, the case coming from St. George, Province of Quebec. The case has been placed in a pesthouse.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Luther Mason reports the disinfection and vaccination of nine persons at Glazier Lake Camp since the last report.

Acting Assistant Surgeon J. M. Boothby reports the inspection of 74 persons and the vaccination of 14 persons at Lowelltown, Me., and that there are 5 new cases of smallpox at Megantic, Province of Quebec.

Statistical report of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

CALIFORNIA—*Stockton.*—Month of April, 1903. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths, 29, including 6 from tuberculosis.

ILLINOIS—*Peoria.*—Month of April, 1903. Census population, 56,100. Total number of deaths, 58, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 1, and 2 from tuberculosis.

Springfield.—Month of April, 1903. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 48, including scarlet fever 1, smallpox 2, and 5 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Newton.*—Month of April, 1903. Estimated population, 37,794. Total number of deaths, 36, including 3 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended April 25, 1903, from 70 observers, indicate that diarrhea, phthisis pulmonalis, enteric fever, and meningitis were more prevalent, and pleuritis, erysipelas, whooping cough, and intermittent fever were less prevalent than in the preceding week.

Meningitis was reported present at 4, whooping cough at 22, diphtheria at 25, enteric fever at 32, scarlet fever at 56, measles at 67, smallpox at 81, and phthisis pulmonalis at 173 places.